



Five Great Reasons to Drink Tap Water



For Your Health. Your tap water is carefully treated, tested, and monitored to ensure that it is healthy and safe. Bottled water requirements for testing and reporting are much less stringent. Every year, the City publishes the “Consumer Confidence Report” on our drinking water—bottled water labels do not have to reveal the source, purification methods, or chemical pollutants present.



For Your Health Part 2. Plastic water bottles used by bottled water companies often contain the chemical phthalate, which is added to the plastic to make it less brittle. When the plastic is heated (like in your car on a hot day), the chemical may leach into the water. Drinking this chemical may be associated with health effects including reproductive issues, liver problems, and an increased risk for certain types of cancer.



For Your Pocketbook. Five gallons of City tap water costs you less than a penny, and would fill twenty 16-ounce water bottles. Buying bottled water costs you 200 to 10,000 times more than that. Many people spend hundreds of dollars a year on bottled water. If you are looking for the convenience of a bottle, it is much cheaper to refill your own reusable bottle from the tap. In fact, that’s just what some bottled water companies do; between 25% and 40% of all bottled water is just repackaged tap water.



For Your Environment. Fifty billion plastic water bottles are discarded in the U.S. each year. Only about 12 billion get recycled.... The other 38 billion bottles wind up in landfills. Added to the landfill waste is the energy wasted in bottling and transporting that water all over the county and the world. Using tap water conserves resources and reduces landfill waste.



For Your Enjoyment. Tap water tastes good! Although the marketing gurus for bottled water companies try to convince us that their products are more enjoyable, blind taste tests tell a different story. Frequently, tap water is picked over high-priced bottled waters in surveys. In fact, the Today Show declared Salt Lake City's tap water the best tasting in the nation in a 2007 taste test.

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